Capacity of Refineries

3026. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all Refineries are producing LPG as per full capacity;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to produce LPG upto full capacity to meet domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) LPG Production by refineries during the year 1999-2000 as compared to its Original Estimates has been as under:—

(*Qty. in Thousand Metric Tonnes*)

	Original Estimates	Actual (Provisional)
PSU Refineries	1723	1684
JVC/PVT Ref.	1785	805
TOTAL :	**3508**	**2489**

(c) As against projected LPG demand of 6707 TMT for the year 2000-01, 4360 TMT of LPG is estimated to come from refineries and 1856 TMT from fractionators. The balance quantity would be sourced through imports.

Merger of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd.

3027. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to merge Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd. with Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, by when it will be merged; and

(c) if not, criteria and reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The Government have yet to take a view on the subject.